(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani High Commissioner in India had in the recent pest given inflamatory interview regarding Kashmir which appeared in the Pioneer of 2nd February 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken at the diplomatic levels in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) These statements are totally unacceptable. Serious objection and concern of the Government over the remarks have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan.

न्यूयार्क हवाई अड्डे पर प्रधान मंत्री का स्वागत

3264. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ शीम अफजल**: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सुरक्षा परिषद् की बैठक में भाग लेने के लिए भारत के प्रधान मंत्री के न्यूयार्क हवाई अड्डे पर पहुंचने पर उनके स्वागत के लिए अमरीकी सरकार का कोई भी उच्च अधिकारी मौजूद नहीं था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह नयाचार परम्परा के विरुद्ध है;

(ग) क्या इस के परिणामस्वरूप देश की मान हानि हुई है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

विदेश संराज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फलेरियो) : (क) से (घ) प्रधान मंत्री की न्यूयार्क की यह यात्रा द्विपक्षीय यात्रा नहीं थी । उन्होंने राज्याध्यक्षों/शासनाध्यक्षों के स्तर पर 31 जनवरी, 1992 को संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद् की बैठक में भाग लिया था । जैसा कि दस्तूर है, ऐसे मौकों पर जबकि राज्याध्यक्ष/शासनाध्यक्ष संयुक्त राष्ट्र की किसी बैठक में भाग लेने आ रहे हों तो हवाई अड्डे पर उनकी अगवानी संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासचिव के कार्यालय के नयाचार एवं संपर्क सेवा के अधिकारी करते हैं ।

प्रधान मंत्री की अगवानी नयाचार एवं सम्पर्क सेवा के प्रतिनिधिक एकक के निदेशक ने की थी ।

सुरक्षा परिषद् के इस शिखर सम्मेलन के लिए आने वाले अन्य विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों के लिए भी ऐसा ही नयाचार निभाया गया था ।

Outfit Allowance Admissible to Person posted abroad

3265. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India based employees on being posted abroad are entitled to an outfit allowance for himself and his family at the rate of Rs. 2000-4500; and

(b) whether this and other allowances in general and those relating to Moscow in particular have been/are being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) India-based employees on being posted to Indian missions or posts abroad are entitled to an outfit allowance ranging from Rs. 2300 to Rs. 6300 for self and family depending upon the grade of the officer.

(b) The rates of outfit allowance are uniform for all missions and posts abroad. There is no proposal to review these rates now.

Other allowances relating to stations abroad are reviewed from time to time, in consultation with the mission concerned depending upon changes in local conditions including cost of living and othir relevant factors. A proposal to pay India-based employees in Moscow fully in hard currency is presently being processed.

Foreign visits by Prime Minister

3266. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the foreign countries visited by the Prime Minister of India as well as Minister of External Affairs during the last six months;

(b) the objectives and outcome of each such visit; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far at international level conference of official levels meetings to check Pakistan's continued propaganda war over Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information is given in statements at Statement-I and II, which are laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(c) Government have apprised foreign Governments about the correct historical perspective of the Kashmir issue, Pakistan's illegal occupation of a part of Kashmir and its encouragement and sponsorship of terrorism and subversion. There is acknowledgement by foreign Governments as well as independent observers of Pakistan's role and the Government of Pakistan has been cautioned by foreign Governments to desist from such activity.

Statement I

Visits of Prime Minister Abroad

Country visited	Dates of Visit	Objectives/Outcome
1	2	3
Germany	September 5 - 7, 1991	The visit was a essentially a good-will visit, the main purpose of which was to inaugurate, along with Chancellor Kohl, the Festival of India. The visit provided an opportunity for extensive exchanges with German leades on bilateral and international issues including Indo-German economic and commercial relations.
Zimbabwe	October 15– 22, 1991	To attend the Commonwelth Heads of Government Meeting held at Harare. The Prime Minister also met a number of Commonwealth leaders and discussed bilateral and international questions.
Venezuela	November 27– 29, 1991	Led the Indian delegation to the Second Meeting of the Summit Level Group on South-South Consultation and Cooperation (G-15) of which India is a member.
Sri Lanka	December 21, 1991	To attend the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State/Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) at Colombo.